

# Legislative Update

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“There are only  
four kinds of  
people in the world  
– those who have  
been caregivers,  
those who currently  
are caregivers,  
those who will be  
caregivers, and  
those who need  
caregivers.

–*Rosalynn Carter,*  
*former first lady*

We would like to welcome [Senator Jeff Danielson](#) of Cedar Falls to the Commission for the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs (DEA). Senator Danielson will replace Senator Joe Bolkcom as the Senate Democrat on the Elder Affairs Commission. The department has already been in contact with Senator Danielson and we look forward to working closely with him. Senator Bolkcom of Iowa City, has been and continues to be a tireless advocate for older adults. While Senator Bolkcom will no longer be a member of the Commission, he has let it be known that he is still an enthusiastic advocate for older Iowans and continues to be a resource for them. Our thanks to Senator Bolkcom for the many years he has served on the department’s commission. Senator Bolkcom’s efforts have been and continue to make Iowa a healthy, safe and productive place for older Iowans to live and work.

The number of sub-committee meetings is beginning to pick up as the first funnel date (March 11<sup>th</sup>) is three weeks away. The department’s bill related to the Medical Assistance Advisory Council (MAAC) moved out of sub-committee in the senate this week ([SSB 1042](#)) and will now move to the full [Senate Human Resources standing committee](#). The department’s technical bill ([HSB 157](#)) has also moved out of sub-committee and will now move to the full [House Human Resources standing committee](#). Two bills on dependent adult abuse ([HF 156](#) and [HF 157](#)) have likely met an early death in sub-committee. However, other bills related to dependent adult abuse are pending, including a department bill and a bill submitted by the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA). Also note that another version of the Universal Assessment language has been introduced into the Senate as [SF 159](#).

**Monday:** Director Mark Haverland (DEA) updated the Senate Human Resource standing committee on the issues related to rebalancing long-term care in Iowa. His presentation will be posted to the Elder Affairs website under *What’s New* and titled, “*Long Term Care in Iowa, A Basic Right*” early next week.

**Tuesday:** Senate Democrats held a press conference and introduced a five-part plan for improving access to health care and lowering the cost of health care in the state. Senator Ragan stated these are “commonsense ideas that have widespread support in the health care community.” The five parts are:

- *Fully fund Medicaid*
- *Expand insurance options for small businesses*
- *Require coverage for mental health and substance abuse*
- *Expand access to the Hawk-I program*
- *Funding of Community Health Centers.*

The House Human Resources standing committee provided the opportunity for both consumers and providers to help legislators better understand the impact of regulation in the assisted living environment. Representatives from DIA and DEA, along with legislators and industry representatives discussed a number of issues that will likely be considered as the Departments’ bill relating to policy in assisted living environments ([HSB 95](#)) is again considered by the General Assembly.

**Wednesday:** The house and human resource committees did not meet on Wednesday. Jennifer Vermeer, of the Legislative Services Agency, presented an overview of the Medical Assistance Crises Intervention Team (MACIT) during the [Joint Appropriations Health and Human Services sub-committee](#).

Lisa Burk, also of the Legislative Service Agency, presented projections for the Senior Living Trust Fund.

**Thursday:** [HSB 161](#) pertaining to the long-term care asset disregard incentive program passed out of sub-committee and now moves to the full House Human Resources standing committee.

Director Kevin Concannon (DHS) discussed at length issues related to the proposed universal assessment in the joint appropriations sub-committee. This proposal would grandfather in all current residents in nursing facilities and would not apply until July 1, 2006. Director Concannon discussed the need to build the capacity of the home and community based service delivery system, particularly adult day service programs. The joint appropriations committee had a discussion related to existing regulations. Director Concannon was

asked to provide additional information related to regulatory barriers to home and community based services. Jennifer Vermeer, of the Legislative Service Agency, also provided information on Medicare Part D.

The House Human Resources Standing Committee discussed the issues related to mental health parity. [HSB 117](#) was passed by the committee and now moves to the full house.

### A Few Things About Next Week:

- On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a presentation in both the House and Senate Human Resource Standing Committees regarding the Program of All-inclusive Care for Seniors (PACE).
- The department's proposed legislation regarding establishing an office of substitute decision making ([HSB 96](#) and [HF 120](#)) is scheduled for sub-committee on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the house lounge. It is likely this bill ([SSB 1078](#)) will also be discussed in Senate sub-committee.
- The department's proposed legislation related to assisted living will likely be discussed in subcommittee. No date or location is yet available.
- [HSB 100](#) related to the membership of the Medical Assistance Advisory Committee will be discussed at 11:30 a.m. on February 23<sup>rd</sup> in the house lounge. This bill is the same as [SSB 1042](#), which passed a Senate sub-committee last week.
- For additional information related to meeting times and subcommittees, please go to [www.legis.state.ia.us](http://www.legis.state.ia.us)

**Also note:** The Department has revised the following documents outlining current provider rates and historical data for the Title XIX Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Elderly Waiver. The documents can also be found on our website under the *report* section and then under the *Elderly Waiver Provider Reimbursement* heading.

- ❖ [Elderly Waiver HCBS Provider Rate History](#)
- ❖ [Nursing Facility and Elderly Waiver HCBS Provider Rate History \(1990-2000\)](#)
- ❖ [Nursing Facility and Elderly Waiver HCBS Provider Rate History \(2001-2004\)](#)

Regards,

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## ■-□-■ ELDER AFFAIRS FEATURE PROGRAM ■-□-■ Iowa Family Caregiver Program

Family caregivers care for family members with a broad range of conditions. Caregivers commit to caring for loved ones with conditions that may be very temporary, last a few years, or last a lifetime. The age of the person being cared for could be young, or old, or anywhere in between. The common link for all caregivers is that they experience stress, changing family dynamics, isolation, frustration and loss of personal time. In recognition of the importance of providing resources to family caregivers to relieve these burdens, the Department of Elder Affairs participates in the Iowa Family Caregiver Program.

The program receives operational funding from federal dollars distributed to Iowa by the Administration on Aging and the Iowa Department of Elder Affairs. The program's purpose is to assist persons who are caregivers of an older adult, or for persons age 60 and older who are full time caregivers of a child or children. The Iowa Family Caregiver Program is a joint venture of the Iowa Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the Department of Elder Affairs, consumer organizations, and community services providers. Contact the program's Family Caregiver Information Specialist at 1-800-4-NURTURE (1-866-468-7887) if you have questions, or concerns about care giving or resources available to family caregivers. You can also access their web site at [www.iowafamilycaregiver.org](http://www.iowafamilycaregiver.org) for a searchable database of programs and assistance in each of Iowa's 99 counties. The contact person for the family caregiver program at the Department of Elder Affairs is Nicki Stajcar, 515-242-3320 or [nicki.stajcar@iowa.gov](mailto:nicki.stajcar@iowa.gov).

## ■-□-■ IN THE LEGISLATURE ■-□-■

*The following is a listing of the bills the department is supporting or monitoring. If you would like more information on a particular bill, click on its number and you will be directed to the Iowa General Assembly online bill book.*

### Supported Bills

**[SF 159](#) Long Term Care Decisions** A bill for an act relating to the creation of a consumer choice, support, and education program. (Human Resources)



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General Assembly  
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## Supported Bills *continued*

[HSB 95](#) **Assisted Living Programs** An Act relating to assisted living programs, providing for application of a penalty, and providing for a fee. (SSB 1079) (Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer(C), Jacoby, Wilderdyke

[HSB 96](#) **Substitute Decision Making** An Act relating to substitute decision making and guardians and conservators, providing for the collection and appropriation of fees, and making an appropriation. (SSB 1078, HF 120) (Human Resources) Committee members: Tomenga (C), Kurtenbach, Smith

[HSB 100](#) **Medical Assistance Advisory Council** An Act relating to the membership of the council with which the director of human services consults regarding the medical assistance program. (SSB 1042) (Human Resources) Committee members: Tomenga (C), Heaton, Wendt

[HSB 101](#) **Elder Group Homes** An Act relating to the regulation of elder group homes and providing penalties. (SSB 1077) (Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer (C), Freeman, Hunter

[HSB 102](#) **Adult Day Care** An Act relating to adult day services regulation and providing penalties. (SSB 1076) (Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer (C), Hunter, Roberts

[HSB 157](#) **Elder Iowans Act** An Act relating to the provisions of the elder Iowans Act. (SSB 1140) (Human Resources) Committee members: Roberts (C), Freeman, Jacoby

[SSB 1042](#) **Medical Assistance Advisory Committee** An Act relating to the membership of the council with which the director of human services consults regarding the medical assistance program. (HSB 100) (Human Resources) Boettger & Bolkcom (C); Gaskill, Quirmbach

[SSB 1076](#) **Adult Day Services** An Act relating to adult day services regulation and providing penalties. (Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom & Johnson (C), Gaskill, Wood

[SSB 1077](#) **Elder Group Homes** An Act relating to the regulation of elder group homes and providing penalties. (HSB 101) (Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkcom & Seymour (C), Dotzler, Huser

[SSB 1078](#) **Substitute Decision Making** An Act relating to substitute decision making and guardians and conservators, providing for the collection and appropriation of fees, and making an appropriation. (HSB 96) (Human Resources) Committee members: Boettger & Wood (C), Johnson, Ragan

[SSB 1079](#) **Assisted Living Programs** An Act relating to assisted living programs, providing for application of a penalty, and providing for a fee. (HSB 95) (Human Resources) Committee members: Quirmbach & Tinsman (C), Bolkcom, Seymour

[SSB 1140](#) **Elder Iowans Act** An Act relating to the provisions of the elder Iowans Act. (HSB 157) (Human Resources) Committee members: Boettger & Bolkcom (C), Johnson, Quirmbach



## Monitored Bills

### House Files

[HF 2](#) **Pension Income Phase Out** An Act relating to the phase out of state income tax on pension income and providing a retroactive applicability date. (Ways & Means) Committee Members: Boal (C), Huser, Shoultz, Soderberg and Struyk.

[HF 12](#) **Elderly Care Reimbursement Rate** A bill for an act relating to the reimbursement for services provided under a medical assistance home and community-based services waiver for the elderly. (Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke (C), Carroll, Heddens

[HF 20](#) **Personal Need Allowance** A bill for an act relating to the amount of personal needs allowance for residents of nursing facilities under the medical assistance program. (Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll (C), Petersen, Wilderdyke

[HF 22](#) **Long Term Care Insurance** A bill for an act relating to establishing standardized requirements for long-term care insurance policies. (Commerce)

[HF 24](#) **SS Income Phase Out** A bill for an act relating to a phase-out of the state income taxation of social security benefits and providing a retroactive applicability date. (Ways & Means) Committee members: Boal (C), Huser, Shoultz, Soderberg, Struyk

[HF 26](#) **SS Pension Income Phase Out** A bill for an act phasing out the state income tax on social security benefits and on pension and retirement income and providing a retroactive applicability date. (Ways & Means) Committee members: Boal (C), Huser, Shoultz, Soderberg, Struyk

[HF 39](#) **Senior Citizen Crimes** A bill for an act relating to enhancing the criminal penalty for offenses against a person sixty-five years of age or older. (Public Safety) Committee members: Rayhons (C), R. Olson, Van Engelenhoven

[HF 46](#) **Personal Needs Allowance** A bill for an act increasing the personal needs allowance for residents of nursing facilities under the medical assistance program. (Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke (C), Carroll, Peterson

[HF 59](#) **Partisan Balance** An Act providing for the determination of partisan balance on boards and commissions and including an applicability provision. (State Government) Committee members: Roberts (C), Jochum, Raecker

[HF 64](#) **Mental Health Coverage** An Act relating to mandated coverage for mental health conditions, including substance abuse treatment services. (Human Resources)

[HF 69](#) **Social Security Exclusion** An Act relating to the calculation of the amount of social security benefits received that are subject to individual income tax and including a retroactive applicability date provision. (Ways & Means)

[HF 87](#) **Veterans Preference** A bill for an act relating to veterans, concerning employment preference and other related benefits. (State Government) Committee members: Jones, Greiner, Paulsen, Quirk and Whitead.

## House Files *continued*

[HF 89](#) **MH Substance Abuse Coverage** A bill for an act relating to third-party payment of health care coverage costs for mental health conditions, including alcohol or substance abuse treatment services. (Commerce)

[HF 109](#) **Partisan Balance** A bill for an act concerning the determination of partisan balance on boards and commissions. (State Government) Committee members: Roberts, Jochum and Raecker

[HF 112](#) **Unfilled State Jobs** An Act concerning the use of moneys appropriated but unexpended for certain vacant state employee positions. (State Government) Committee members: Roberts, Bukta, Lensing, Paulsen, Raecker, T. Taylor

[HF 119](#) **Older Iowans Legislature** A bill for an act providing an appropriation for the older Iowans legislature. (Appropriations) Committee members: Watts, Horbach, and Smith

[HF 120](#) **Guardians and Conservators** A bill for an act relating to substitute decision making and guardians and conservators, providing for the collection and appropriation of fees, and making an appropriation. (Human Resources) Committee members: Tomenga (C), Kurtenbach and Smith

[HF 140](#) **Senior Living Trust** A bill for an act relating to the senior living trust fund, providing for appropriation of the moneys in the fund, and providing for a repeal. (Human Resources) Committee members: Heaton (C), Carroll, Foege (also see [SF 29](#))

[HF 152](#) **Fair Market Drug Pricing** A bill for an act relating to fair market drug pricing. (Human Resources)

[HF 154](#) **No Contact Orders** An Act relating to the issuance of a no contact order against the biological parent of an adopted person whose presence or contact with the adopted person poses a threat to the health or safety of the adopted person. (Judiciary)

[HF 156](#) **Dependant Adult Abuse I** An Act relating to dependent adult abuse and providing criminal penalties. (Public Safety) Committee members: De Boef (C), Heddens and Rayhons

[HF 157](#) **Dependant Adult Abuse II** An Act relating to dependent adult abuse and providing penalties. (Public Safety) Committee members: De Boef (C), Heddens and Rayhons

[HF 177](#) **Legislative Appointment Terms** An Act providing for the length of term for legislative appointments to appointed boards and commissions and providing an effective and applicability date. (Administration and Rules) Committee members: Jacobs, Boal, Bukta, Carroll, Dolecheck, Gipp, Heddens, Miller, Murphy, S. Olson, Rants, Reasoner, Roberts

[HF 191](#) **Retired IPERS Employees** A bill for an act limiting earning restrictions for Iowa public employees' retirement system retirees. (State Government)

[HF 201](#) **Senior Living Trust Grants** A bill for an act relating to the types of grants awarded under the senior living trust fund. (Human Resources)

## House Files *continued*

[HF 208](#) **IPERS Earnings** A bill for an act reducing earning restrictions for Iowa public employees' retirement system retirees. (State Government)

[HF 210](#) **Nursing Licensing Fund** A bill for an act providing for the retention of licensing and renewal fees received by the board of nursing, and providing an effective date. (Appropriations) Committee members: Jacobs, Heaton, Mascher

[HF 215](#) **Tobacco Tax** A bill for an act increasing the taxes imposed on cigarettes and tobacco products and providing for appropriation of the increased revenue generated to the medical assistance program and for tobacco control and prevention, and providing an effective date. (Ways & Means)

[HF 217](#) **Volunteer Healthcare** A bill for an act relating to services and providers included under the volunteer health care provider program. (Human Resources) Committee members: Heaton, Foege, Freeman

[HF 221](#) **Health Insurance Study** A bill for an act providing for a feasibility study on creating a statewide public employee health insurance system. (State Government)

[HF 225](#) **Elder Auto Insurance** A bill for an act providing for reduced automobile insurance premiums for older adults who complete a certified driver safety education course. (Commerce, Regulations & Labor)

[HF 227](#) **Code Editor Bill** A bill for an act relating to statutory corrections which may adjust language to reflect current practices, insert earlier omissions, delete redundancies and inaccuracies, delete temporary language, resolve inconsistencies and conflicts, update ongoing provisions, or remove ambiguities, and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions. (Formerly [HSB 118](#)) (Judiciary) Committee members: Boettger, Quirmbach, Schoenjahn, and Zaun  
**Passed House to Senate**

[HF 235](#) **Insurance Consumer Advocate** A bill for an act relating to the appointment of a consumer advocate on insurance. (Commerce, Regulations & Labor)

[HF 237](#) **Cigarette Taxes** A bill for an act increasing the taxes imposed on cigarettes and providing for appropriation of the revenue generated to the medical assistance program and for tobacco control and prevention, and providing an effective date. (Ways & Means)

[HF 242](#) **Dual State Employment** A bill for an act relating to governmental employment by executive branch officials, state employees, and members of the general assembly. (State Government)

[HF 245](#) **Cancer Drug Donations** A bill for an act providing for the establishment of a cancer drug repository program. (Human Resources) Committee members: Kurtenbach (C), Ford, Tymeson

[HF 247](#) **Negotiated Rules Making** A bill for an act providing for negotiated rulemaking. (Formerly [HSB 33](#)) (State Government) Floor Manager: Roberts

## House Files *continued*

[HF 248](#) **Regulatory Analysis** A bill for an act relating to the request for a regulatory analysis. (Formerly HSB 34) (State Government) Floor Manager: Roberts

[HF 259](#) **Dependant Adults** A bill for an act relating to dependent adults and at-risk older adults. (Human Resources)

[HF 280](#) **MH/MR/DD Services** A bill for an act relating to mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services by revising involuntary hospitalization procedures involving the county central point of coordination process and patient advocates and authorizing counties to create a special program fund for these services. (Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll (C), Hutter, Smith

[HF 281](#) **Inheritance** A bill for an act relating to certain penalties for filing false affidavits and the time for examining and determining a correct return under the state inheritance tax and increasing the amount of property that may be transferred to minors under certain conditions and including a retroactive applicability date provision. (Formerly [HSB 10](#)) (Judiciary) **Passed House to Senate**

[HF 283](#) **Health Facility Staffing II** A bill for an act relating to health facility staffing standards and providing penalties. (Human Resources)

[HF 297](#) **Inheritance Tax Credit** A bill for an act relating to an inheritance tax credit for transferring a portion of an inheritance to an entity for capital investment, programming, including education, performance, and access, in arts and culture. (Economic Growth) Committee members: Jenkins (C), Schueller, Wilderdyke

[HF 302](#) **HMO Agreement** A bill for an act prohibiting certain financial incentives for health care providers by group managed care health plans. (Commerce)

[HF 306](#) **Health Facility Staffing** A bill for an act relating to staffing standards in health facilities, and providing penalties. (Human Resources) (See SF 118)

[HF 314](#) **Contract Requirements** A bill for an act establishing requirements for persons contracting with the state to provide services. (Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke, Ford and Granzow

[HF 324](#) **Patient Advocates** A bill for an act providing for employment and compensation by the judicial branch of patient advocates for persons involuntarily hospitalized for mental illness. (Judiciary) Committee members: Tymeson, Alons and R. Olson.

[HF 325](#) **Prescription Drug Donations** A bill for an act creating a prescription drug donation and redispensing pilot program, and providing penalties. (Human Resources) Committee members: Kurtenbach, Freeman and Wendt

[HF 326](#) **Improper Government Influence** A bill for an act relating to the improper influence of executive branch officials, executive branch employees, members of the general assembly, and legislative employees, and making penalties applicable. (State Government)

## House Files *continued*

[HF 333](#) **Organ Transplant Tax Credit** A bill for an act relating to an individual income tax credit for certain organ transplants and providing a retroactive applicability date. (Ways & Means)

[HF 338](#) **Code Editors Bill** A bill for an act relating to nonsubstantive Code corrections and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions. (Formerly [HSB 115](#) – Companion to [SF 113](#)) (Judiciary)

## Senate Files

[SF 3](#) **Mental Health Coverage** An Act relating to payment of health care coverage costs for state employees for biologically based mental illness treatment services. (Commerce) Bolkcom and Iverson (C); McCoy and Wieck

[SF 5](#) **Electronic Comments** An Act to require state agencies to accept public comments on proposed rulemaking in an electronic format. (State Government) Committee members: Connolly and Ward (C); Black and Kettering.

[SF 15](#) **Personal Need Allowance** A bill for an act relating to the amount of personal needs allowance for residents of nursing facilities under the medical assistance program. (Human Resources) (See HF 20) Committee members: Bolkcom & Johnson (C), Behn, Kreiman

[SF 16](#) **Elderly Care Reimbursement Rate** A bill for an act relating to the reimbursement for services provided under a medical assistance home and community based services waiver for the elderly. (Human Resources) (See HF 12) Committee members: Boettger & Bolkcom (C), Johnson, Kreiman

[SF 19](#) **Long Term Care Insurance** A bill for an act relating to establishing standardized requirements for long-term care insurance policies. (Commerce) (See HF 22) Committee members: Bolkcom and Wieck (C); Courtney and McKinley.

[SF 29](#) **Long Term Care Alternatives** A bill for an act relating to the senior living trust fund, providing for appropriation of the moneys in the fund, and providing for a repeal. (Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo and Dvorsky (C)

[SF 34](#) **Older Iowans Legislature** An Act providing an appropriation for the older Iowans legislature. (Appropriations) Committee members: Angelo and Dvorsky (C)

[SF 48](#) **Mental Health Coverage** A bill for an act relating to third-party payment of health care coverage costs for mental health conditions, and including substance and alcohol abuse treatment services. (Commerce) Committee members: Beall & Iverson (C), Bolkcom, McKinley

[SF 61](#) **Cost/Benefit of Medicaid** A bill for an act requiring the department of human services to report annually concerning the costs and benefits of various contracted services under the medical assistance program. (Human Resources) Committee members: Hatch & Tinsman, Johnson, Wood

[SF 64](#) **Medical Marijuana** A bill for an act relating to the use of marijuana for therapeutic purposes and establishing a marijuana therapeutic research program. (Judiciary) Committee members: Kreiman & Tinsman (C), Dvorsky, Ward

## Senate Files *continued*

[SF 66](#) **Rule Review** A bill for an act requiring periodic review of administrative rules by administrative agencies. (State Government) Committee members: Brunkhorst, Kibbie (C), Connolly, and Kettering

[SF 67](#) **Regulatory Analysis** A bill for an act relating to requests for a regulatory analysis of administrative rules. (State Government) Committee members: Brunkhorst, Kibbie (C), Connolly, and Kettering

[SF 69](#) **Wage Discrimination** A bill for an act relating to wage discrimination by providing for the determination of wage discrimination, applicable remedies, and providing an effective date. (Business and Labor Relations) Committee members: Behn & Dotzler, Courtney, McKibben

[SF 75](#) **Veterans Benefits** A bill for an act allocating funding appropriated to assist individuals assigned to active duty military service and providing effective and applicability date provisions. (Formerly [SF 30](#).) (Appropriations) Committee members: Chambers (C), Alons, Zirkelbach

[SF 77](#) **Enterprise Zones** A bill for an act allowing cities and counties to create enterprise zones near modes of transportation. (Economic Growth) Committee members: Stewart, Beall, Behn, Brunkhorst, Rielly, Seymour.

[SF 86](#) **Negotiated Rules Making** An Act providing for negotiated rulemaking. (State Government) Kibbie and Ward (C), Connolly, Kettering

[SF 93](#) **Pensions and SS Exclusions** An Act reducing the amounts of pension income and social security benefits that are taxable by the state and including a retroactive applicability date provision. (Ways and Means) Committee members McKibben & Quirnbach (C), Connolly, Zaun

[SF 102](#) **Prescription Drug Assistance** A bill for an act relating to the establishment of a prescription drug assistance program by the commissioner of insurance, and providing for a contingent appropriation. (Commerce) Committee members: Bolkom, Wieck, Rielly, and Zaun

[SF 109](#) **Long Term Care Incentive** A bill for an act relating to the Iowa long-term care asset disregard incentive program, providing for a repeal, providing a contingent effective date, and providing an appropriation. (Human Resources) Committee members: Johnson, Wood, Behn, and Ragan

[SF 112](#) **Medicare Task Force** A bill for an act relating to the creation of a task force to provide for the implementation of Medicare Part D, providing an appropriation, and providing an effective date. (Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkom, Houser, Boettger, and Kreiman

[SF 113](#) **Editor Code Bill** A bill for an act relating to non substantive Code corrections and including effective and retroactive applicability date provisions. (Judiciary) (SSB 1088)

[SF 118](#) **Health Facility Staffing** A bill for an act relating to staffing standards in health facilities, and providing penalties. (Human Resources) Committee members: Bolkom & Seymour (C), Hatch, Johnson

## Senate Files *continued*

[SF 124](#) **Grandparent Visitation** A bill for an act relating to the granting of visitation to grandparents and great-grandparents. (Judiciary) Committee members: Boettger, Kreiman, Tinsman, and Warnstadt

[SF 126](#) **Sexual Orientation Discrimination** A bill for an act prohibiting discrimination based upon a person's sexual orientation or gender identity under the Iowa civil rights Act. (State Government) Committee members: Connolly & Miller (C), Wood, Zieman

[SF 130](#) **Tobacco Tax** A bill for an act relating to an increase in the taxes on cigarettes and tobacco products, creating a medical assistance and health promotion fund, providing for appropriations, and providing an effective date. (See HF 215) (Ways & Means) Committee members: Bolkcom & Zieman (C), Connolly, Zaun

[SF 131](#) **Patient Advocates** A bill for an act providing for judicial branch employment and compensation of patient advocates for persons involuntarily hospitalized for mental illness. (Judiciary) Committee members: Quirnbach & Tinsman (C), Horn, Larson

[SF 134](#) **Joint Account Notification** A bill for an act relating to inheritance tax by eliminating the requirement that the department of revenue receive notice of withdrawal of funds from a joint account by a surviving joint owner. (Formerly SSB 1002) (Commerce) **Withdrawn**

[SF 136](#) **Child & Dependant Care Credit** A bill for an act increasing the child and dependent care credit under the individual income tax and including a retroactive applicability date provision. (Ways and Means) Committee members: McKinley & Quirnbach (C), Connolly, Zaun

[SF 140](#) **Long Term Care Incentive** A bill for an act relating to the establishment of an Iowa long-term care asset disregard incentive program relative to the medical assistance program, providing for a repeal, providing a contingent effective date, and providing an appropriation. (See SF 109, SF 143, HSB 161) (Commerce) Committee members: Beall & Wieck (C), Bolkcom, Larson

[SF 143](#) **Long Term Care Incentive** A bill for an act relating to the long-term living system in Iowa including the establishment of a vision for Iowa's long-term living system and the creation of a consumer choice, support, and education program. (See SF 109, SF 140, HSB 161) (Human Resources) Committee members: Ragan & Tinsman (C), Bolkcom, Seymour

[SF 153](#) **Long Term Care Insurance Terms** A bill for an act relating to establishing standard provisions and formats for long-term care insurance policies. (Commerce)

[SF 156](#) **Health Center Programs** A bill for an act relating to health care by providing for increased health care access, developing a lay health workers network, and providing appropriations. (Commerce)

[SF 157](#) **Older Iowans Legislature** A bill for an act making an appropriation for the older Iowans legislature. (Appropriations)

## Senate Files *continued*

[SF 161](#) **Prescription Drug Cards** A bill for an act relating to fair market drug pricing. (Human Resources)

[SF 163](#) **Health Care Info Tech** A bill for an act providing for the establishment of a health care information technology and infrastructure advisory committee, and making an appropriation. (Human Resources)

[SF 171](#) **County Powers** A bill for an act providing for certain human services programs and funding streams to be administered by counties in lieu of the department of human services and providing an effective date. (Human Resources)

[SF 173](#) **Brain Injury Surcharge** A bill for an act relating to the assessment of a brain injury surcharge, creating a brain injury surcharge fund, and making appropriations to the fund. (Judiciary) Committee members: Brunkhorst, Warnstadt, Miller, and Quirnbach

[SF 174](#) **Mental Health Coverage** A bill for an act relating to third-party payment of health care coverage costs for mental health conditions including eating disorders, and for substance abuse treatment services. **(Commerce)**

## Study Bills

[HSB 10](#) **Inheritance** An Act relating to certain penalties for filing false affidavits under the state inheritance tax and increasing the amount of property that may be transferred to minors under certain conditions and including a retroactive applicability date provision. (Judiciary) Committee members: Kaufman (C), Swaim, Tymeson **Amended and Passed** – Floor Manager: Kaufman (See HF 281)

[HSB 22](#) **Podiatrists Insurance Coverage I** An Act relating to the compensation of podiatrists under group health insurance policies or health maintenance organization contracts. (Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke (C), Berry, Tomenga

[HSB 23](#) **Podiatrists Insurance Coverage II** An Act relating to provisions of an accident or health policy regarding equal compensation of certain providers of equivalent services and accessibility to certain providers, and providing an effective date. (Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke (C), Berry, Tomenga

[HSB 52](#) **Mandated Health Coverage** An Act allowing the exclusion of mandated health care benefit coverage in certain health insurance policies or contracts. (Commerce) Committee members: Hoffman (C), Horbach, Olson

[HSB 59](#) **Open Meetings** An Act relating to meetings of governmental bodies. (State Government) Committee members: Boal (C), Hutter, Whitead

[HSB 98](#) **Health Care Facility Violations** An Act relating to health care facility violations and penalties for such violations. (SSB 1043) (Human Resources) Committee members: Wilderdyke (C), Carroll, Smith

[HSB 103](#) **Retired and Senior Volunteers** An Act relating to the Iowa commission on volunteer service. (Human Resources) Committee members: Freeman (C), Hunter, Roberts

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[HSB 110](#) **Medicare Task Force** An Act relating to the creation of a task force to provide for the implementation of Medicare Part D and providing an effective date. (Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer (C), Foege, Granzow, Heaton, Jacoby, Roberts, Smith

[HSB 117](#) **Biological Mental Illness Coverage** An Act relating to third party payment of health care coverage costs for biologically based mental illness treatment services. (Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll (C), Smith, Wilderdyke

[HSB 124](#) **Nursing Facility Quality** An Act relating to a nursing facility quality assurance assessment, providing a contingent effective date, providing for retroactive applicability, and providing an effective date. (Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll (C), Foege, Heaton, Smith, Upmeyer

[HSB 136](#) **Open Meetings Violations** An Act relating to violations of the open meetings and open records law by a member of a governmental body, the lawful custodian of a public record, or any other appropriate person. (State Government) Committee members: Raecker (C), Lensing, Roberts

[HSB 143](#) **IPERS Contributions** An Act providing for employer and employee contributions to the Iowa public employees' retirement system. (State Government) Committee members: Elgin (C), Tomenga, Wendt

[HSB 154](#) **Assisted Living Waivers** An Act relating to inclusion of assisted living services under the medical assistance home and community-based services waiver for the elderly. (Human Resources) Committee members: Carroll (C), Heaton, Heddens, Upmeyer, Wendt

[HSB 161](#) **Long Term Care Incentive** An Act relating to the Iowa long term care asset disregard incentive program, providing for a repeal, providing a contingent effective date, and providing an appropriation. (See SF 109, SF 140, SF 143) (Commerce, Regulation, and Labor) Committee members: Sands (C), Hoffman, Oldson

[HSB 166](#) **Retirement Systems Changes** An Act relating to the Iowa public employees' retirement system and the judicial retirement system. (State Government) Committee members: Elgin (C), Drake, Jochum, Tomenga, Wendt

[HSB 176](#) **Food Code to DPH** An Act providing for the Iowa department of public health to administer the Iowa food code in place of the department of inspections and appeals. (Human Resources) Committee members: Upmeyer (C), Carroll, Heddens

[SSB 1004](#) **Inheritance Tax** An Act relating to certain penalties for filing false affidavits under the state inheritance tax and increasing the amount of property that may be transferred to minors under certain conditions and including a retroactive applicability date provision. (Judiciary) Committee members: Kreiman & Mckibben (C), Boettger, Hancock **Passed out of Subcommittee**

[SSB 1037](#) **Supplemental Appropriation** An Act relating to appropriation matters by making, increasing, and reducing appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and providing effective and applicability date provisions. Committee members: Angelo & Dvorsky (C), Hatch, Lamberti, Tinsman, Warnstadt

**Study Bills** *continued*

[SSB 1041](#) **Podiatrist Insurance Coverage** An Act relating to the provision under a group health insurance policy or health maintenance organization contract for compensation of podiatrists (Human Resources) Dotzler & Seymour (C) Gaskill, Wood

[SSB 1043](#) **Health Care Facility Violations** An Act relating to health care facility violations and penalties for such violations. (Human Resources) Committee members: Dolzer & Johnson (C), Houser, Wood

[SSB 1044](#) **Biological Mental Illness Coverage** An Act relating to third party payment of health care coverage costs for biologically based mental illness treatment services. (Human Resources) Committee members: Ragan & Seymour (C); Dotzler, Tinsman

[SSB 1045](#) **Mental Illness Coverage** An Act concerning third party payment of health care coverage costs for mental health conditions, and including substance abuse treatment services. (Human Resources) Committee members: Behn & Ragan (C); Dotzler, Seymour

[SSB 1051](#) **Adult Abuse Cases** An Act relating to access to dependent adult abuse information and unemployment compensation claims. (Business and Labor) Committee members: Horn & Beall (C), Courtney, Seymour

[SSB 1054](#) **Mandated Health Coverage** An Act allowing the exclusion of mandated health care benefit coverage in certain health insurance policies or contracts. (Commerce) Committee members: Bolkcom & Wieck (C), McCoy, Zaun

[SSB 1098](#) **Mental Illness Health Coverage** (Commerce) Committee members: Bolkcom & Iverson (C), Beall, Wieck

[SSB 1043](#) **Cemeteries Bill** An Act relating to cemeteries and cemetery regulation, providing administration and enforcement procedures, establishing requirements for interment rights agreements and reporting, establishing and appropriating fees, and providing penalties. (Commerce) Committee members: Wieck (C), Beall, Courtney, Zaun

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